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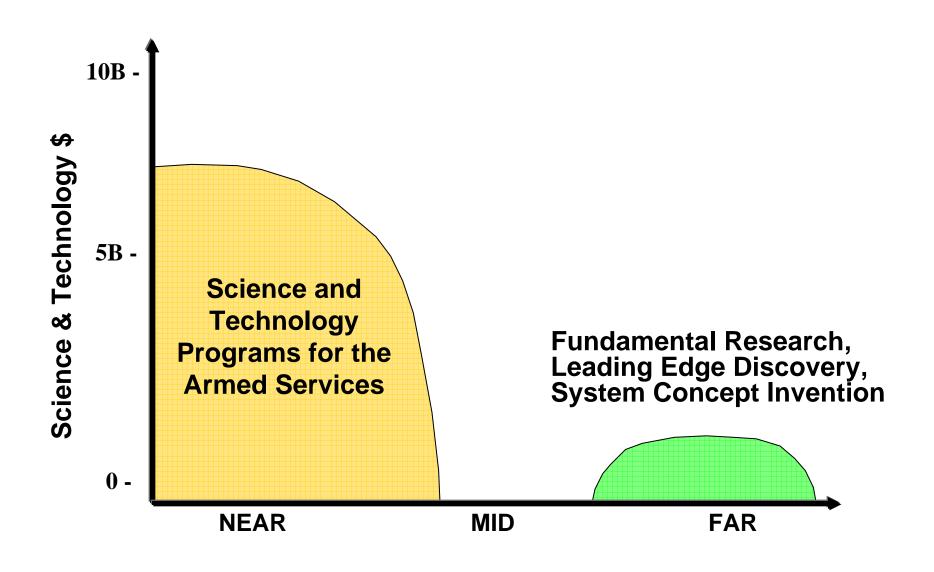
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# **DARPA Role in Science and Technology**

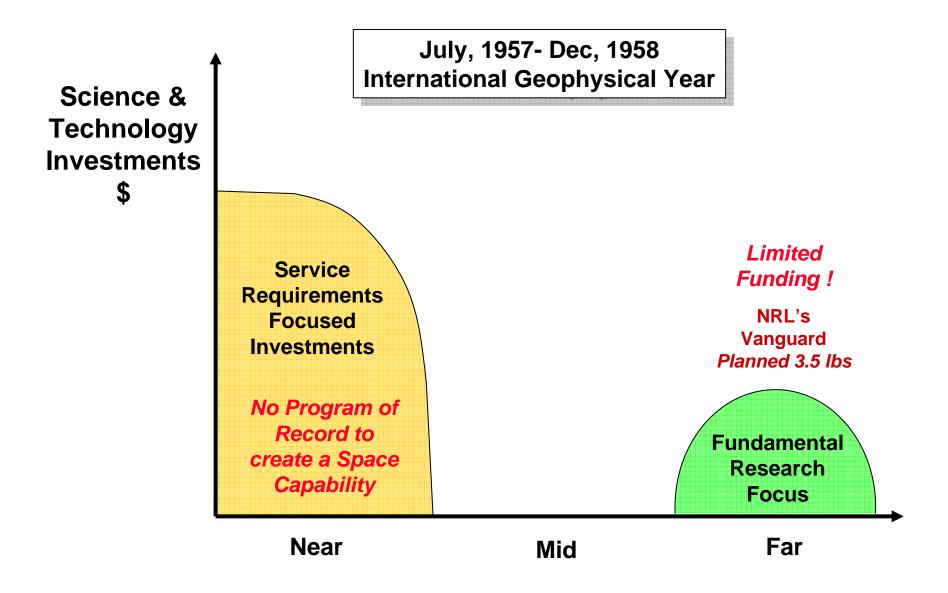




# **DOD Investments in Science & Technology**

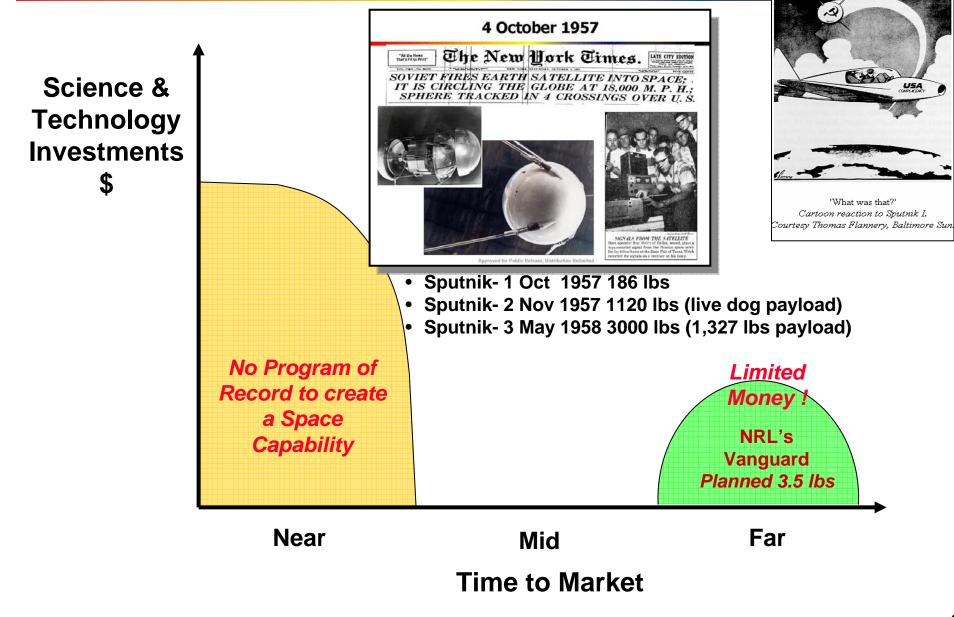


(circa 1957)



### **DOD Investments in S&T**

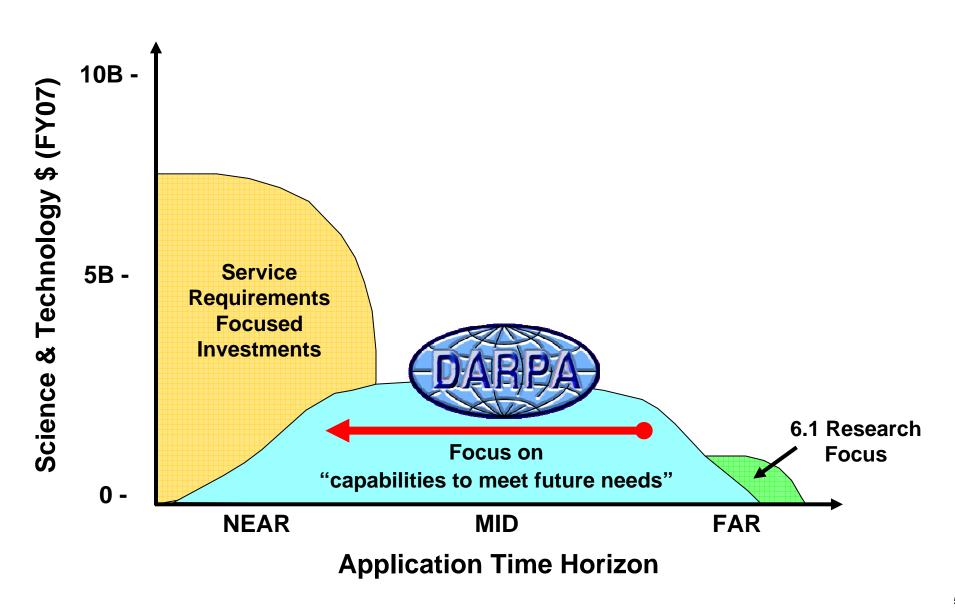
Sputnik- A wake-up call



### **DARPA Investments:**



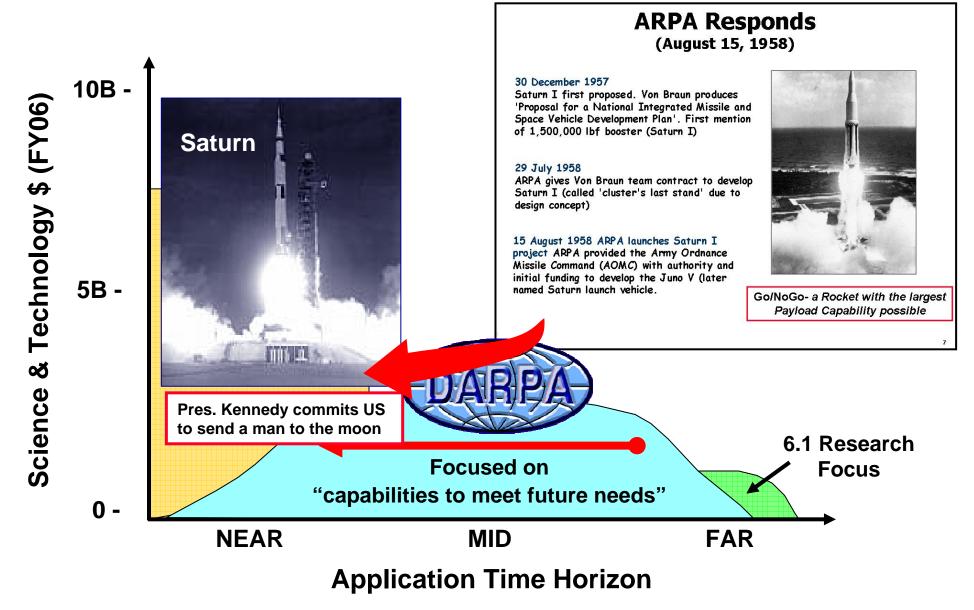
### Innovation Driving New Capabilities



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### **DARPA Accomplishments**



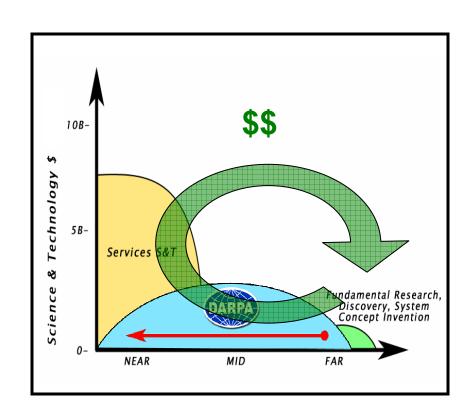
### **DARPA Business Model**



#### **Projects (Programs) agency:**

Typical projects are 3-5 years with multiple contracts-

- Projects are phased,
  - Well-defined milestones (Go-NoGo) for progression between phases.
  - Timing of Go/No-Go decisions are dependent upon effort and not predetermined
- Projects with fieldable prototypes as deliverables typically require MOUs with operators (end users) to go forward to final phase.
- Funding in any technology area beyond end of project contract dependent on ideas



### **DARPA** Organization



Director, Tony Tether Deputy Director, Bob Leheny

#### **Tactical Technology**

Steve Welby Steve Walker

Air/Space/Land/Sea Platforms
Unmanned Systems
Space Operations
Laser Systems
Precision Strike

#### **Information Exploitation**

Bob Tenney Mark Davis

Sensors

**Exploitation Systems** 

Command & Control

### **Strategic Technology**

Dave Honey Larry Stotts/Brian Pierce

Space Sensors/Structures
Strategic & Tactical Networks
Information Assurance
Underground Facility Detection
& Characterization
Chem/Bio Defense

**Maritime Operations** 

#### **Defense Sciences**

Brett Giroir Barbara McQuiston

Physical Sciences

**Materials** 

**Biology** 

**Mathematics** 

**Human Effectiveness** 

Bio Warfare Defense

# Information Processing Technology

Charlie Holland Barbara Yoon

Cognitive Systems
High Productivity Computing
Systems
Language Translation

#### **Microsystems Technology**

John Zolper Dean Collins

Electronics
Photonics
MEMS
Algorithms
Integrated Microsystems

### **DARPA's New Initiative Process**



#### Phase I

Evaluate "Go / No Go" Accomplishment

#### Phase II

- Continue Development
- Solicit Partnership & Transition Path

# Contract



# Source Selection

- EvaluateReponses
- Select Performers

Broad Agency Announcement



- Establish "Go / No Go" Criteria
- Approve Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)



#### Individuals from:

- Industry
- Universities
- Entrepreneurs
- Government



DARPA Program Manager



Feasibility Study



**DARPA** Office Director

## **DARPA's Strategic Thrusts**



### Investments Today Create Future Capabilities

- Detection, Precision ID, Tracking & Destruction of Elusive Targets
- Networked Manned & Unmanned Systems
- Robust, Secure Self-Forming Tactical Networks
- Urban Area Operations
- Location and Characterization of Underground Structures
- Assured Use of Space
- Cognitive Systems
- Bio-Revolution
- Core Technologies (Biology / Materials / Electronics / IT)

### **Future Icons**

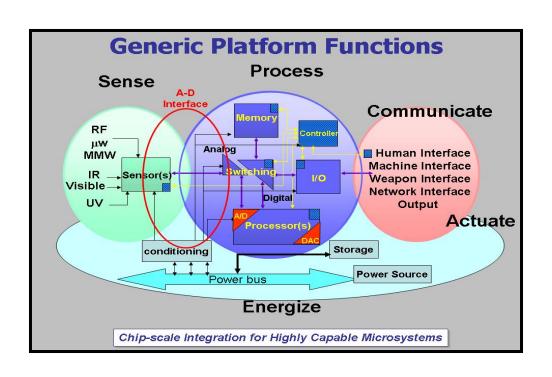


- Low-cost titanium to enable routine use (\$3.5/lb military grade alloy)
- Accelerate Development & Production of Therapeutics & Vaccines from 12+ yrs to 12 wks
- Alternative Energy Sources Jet Fuel from plants
- Prosthetics to enable return to units without loss of capability
- Networks Self-forming, Robust, Self-defending
- Chip Scale Atomic Clock to replace reliance on GPS time signal
- Networked Sensors Determine, track, and neutralize elusive threats
- Real time language translation to replace linguists (Defense Language Institute, III → IV)
- High-productivity computing system peta scale computer
- Air Vehicles Fast Access, long loiter for military operations
- High Energy Liquid Laser Area Defense System as a penetration aid to replace stealth
- Space capabilities to enable global military operations
- Grand Challenge Accelerated development of autonomous ground vehicle technology

# **Opportunities**



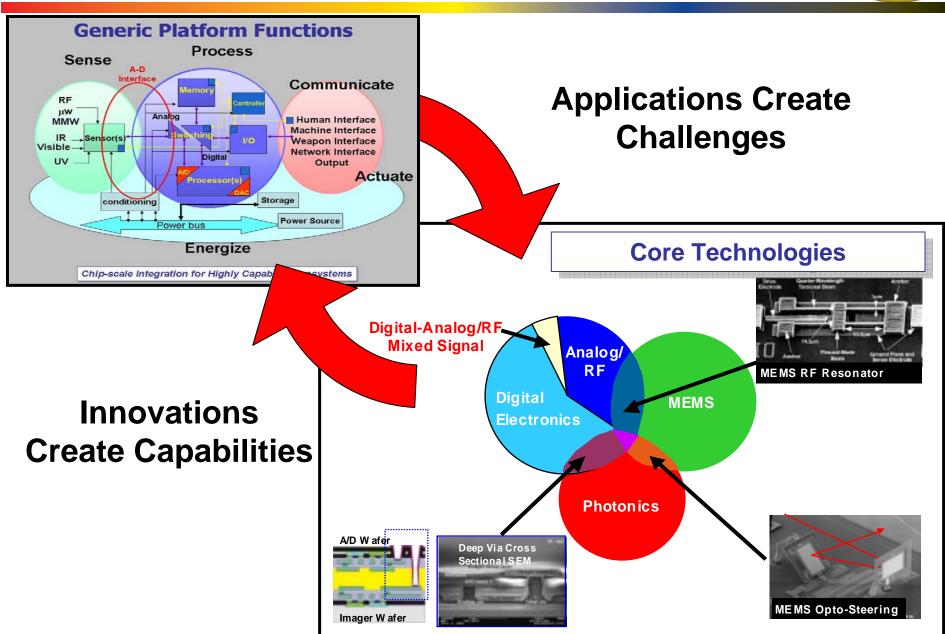
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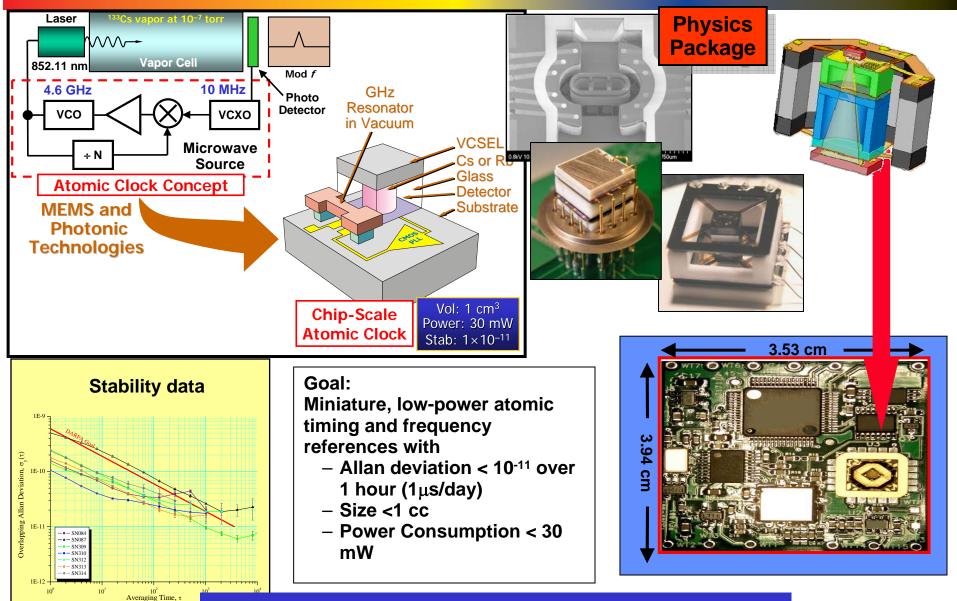
## **Opportunities**





## **Chip-Scale Atomic Clock**





**Precision Time for Every Radio and Network Node** 

### **WASP – Hand Launched UAV**





2 Color video cameras & GPS

■ Weigh: 13 oz.

■ Endurance: 30-40 min

Speed: 20-34 knots

Hand Launched

Autonomous Flight

Auto-Navigation

Auto-Land

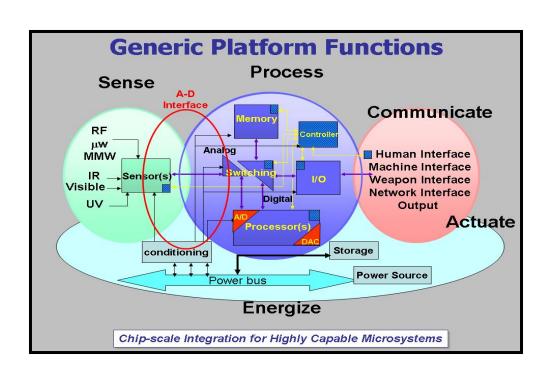




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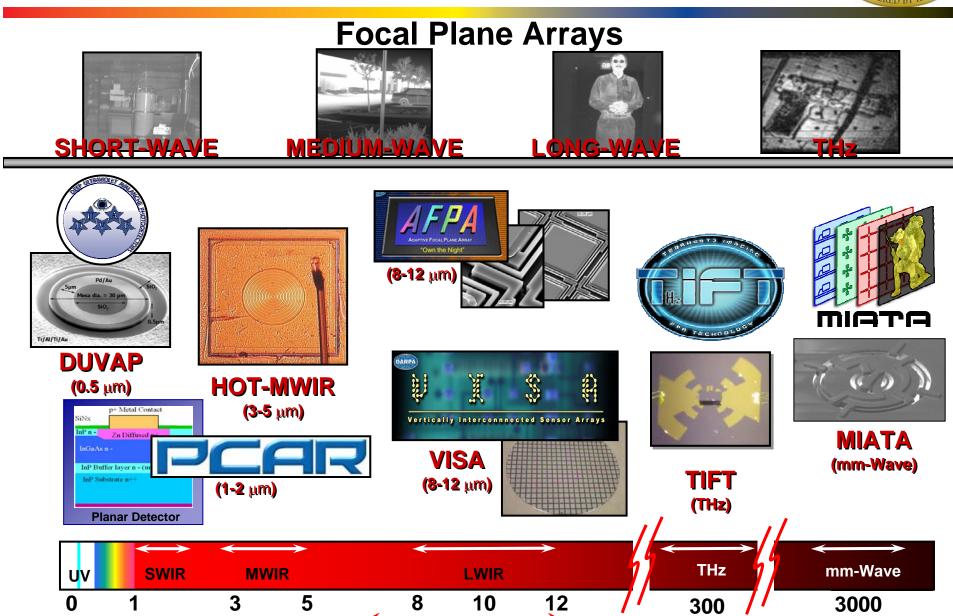
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### Sense



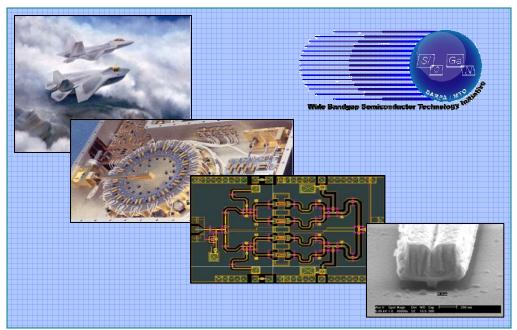


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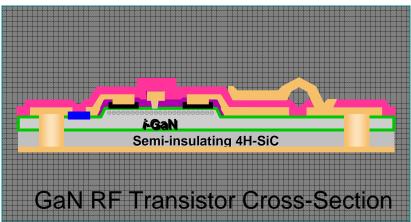
# High Frequency Semiconductor Electronics Technology



Revolutionizing RF systems performance through increases in solid state amplifier power, efficiency, linearity, noise figure, and robustness Exploiting materials to achieve reliable, high performance devices and MMICs with

- higher power
- higher efficiency & bandwidth
- superior thermal performance

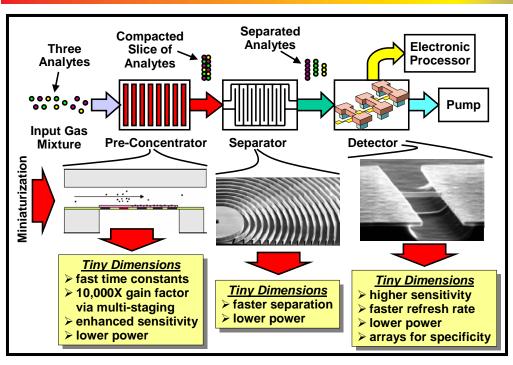
Achieve rapid insertion into DoD RF systems



The Future of RF Electronics for Radar, EW, and Comms

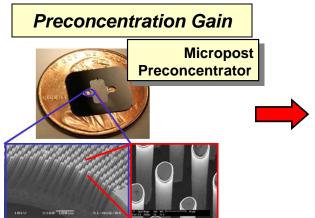
# Chip Scale Gas Analyzers (MGA)

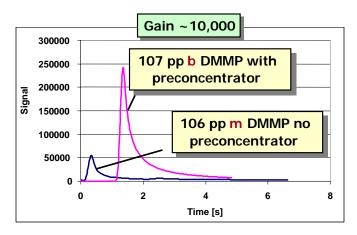




Remote detection of chemical agents via tiny, ultra-low power, fast, chipscale gas analyzers that greatly reduce the incidence of false positives

- Achieve 4 sec analysis time in <2 cc</li>
- Minimum detectable signal < 1 ppt</p>
- Energy per analysis < 1 Joule</li>

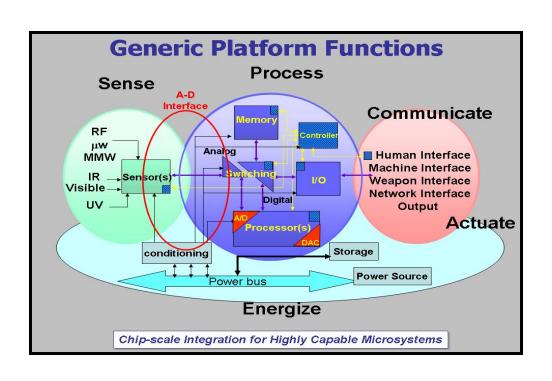




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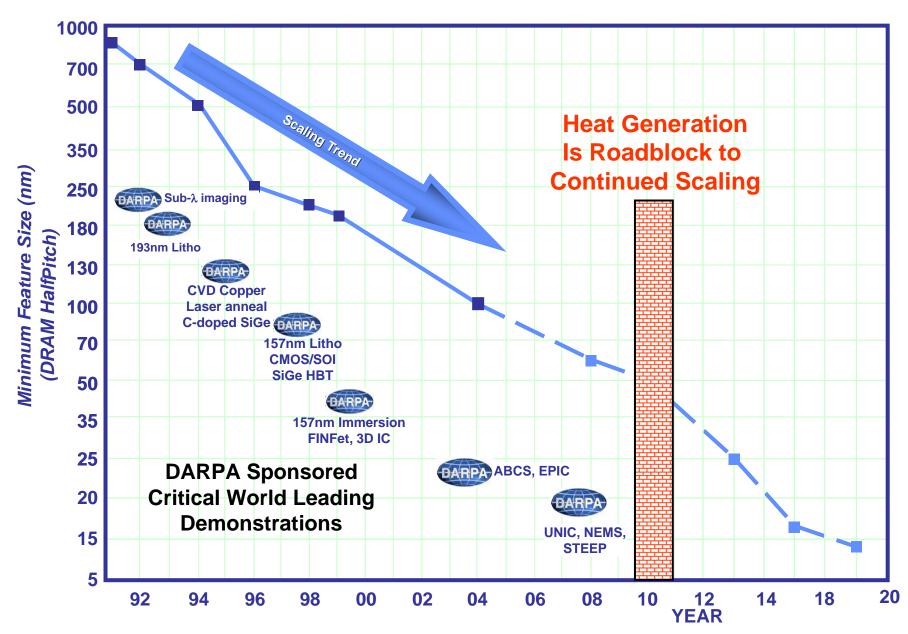
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### **Exploiting Moore's Law**

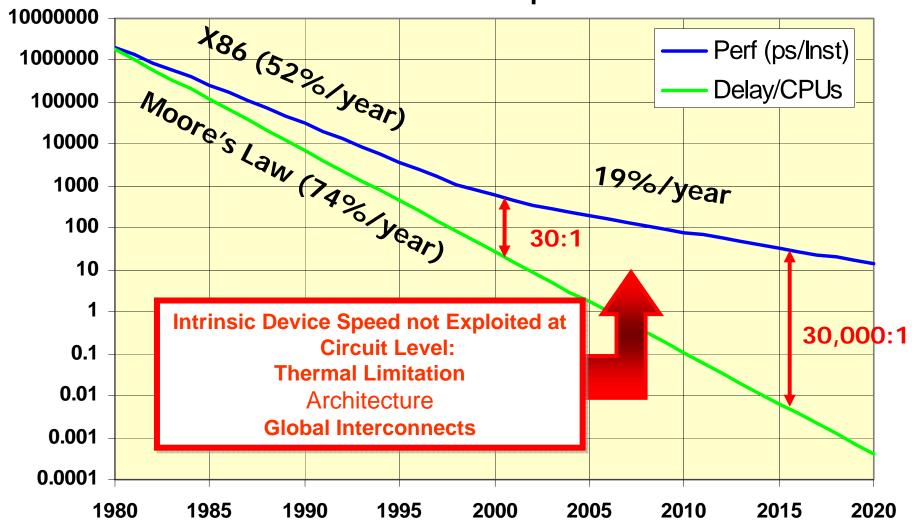




## Supercomputer on a Chip



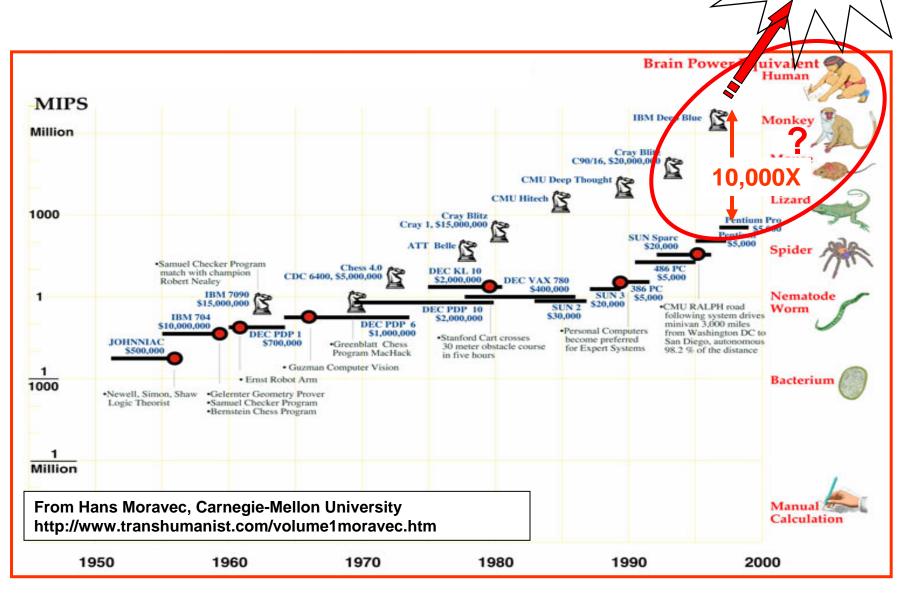
# Intrinsic Transistor Performance versus Circuit Speed



Source: ISAT Summer 2001 Study- Last Classical Computer,

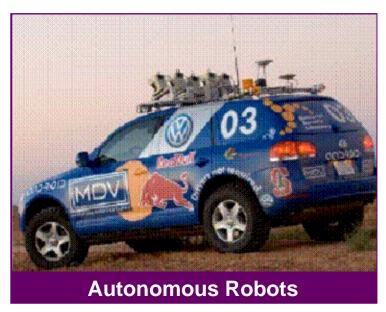
Prof. Bill Dally (Stanford U) Study Lead

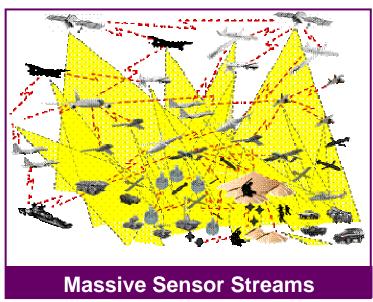
# Impact of Supercomputer on a Chip



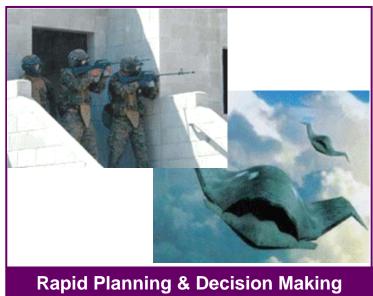
# **Cognitive Computing Challenges**







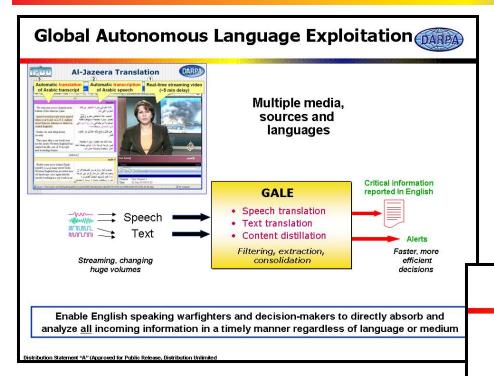




### **Machine Translation**

#### In Near Real Time





Continuous translation of formatted speech with content distillation

#### Phraselator to TRANSTAC

A Major Leap Forward



Handheld translation systems for spontaneous two-way speech communications under real world conditions

#### Phraselatordeployed today





Phraselator



- TRANSTAC-Tomorrow's Solution
- · Begin with limited two-way system
  - Constrain the domain
  - · Enhance performance through iterative testing robustness to noise, context-driven ASR, etc.

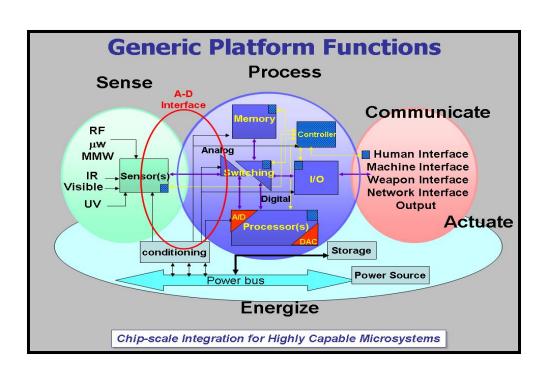
Real-time two way speech within a limited contextual domain

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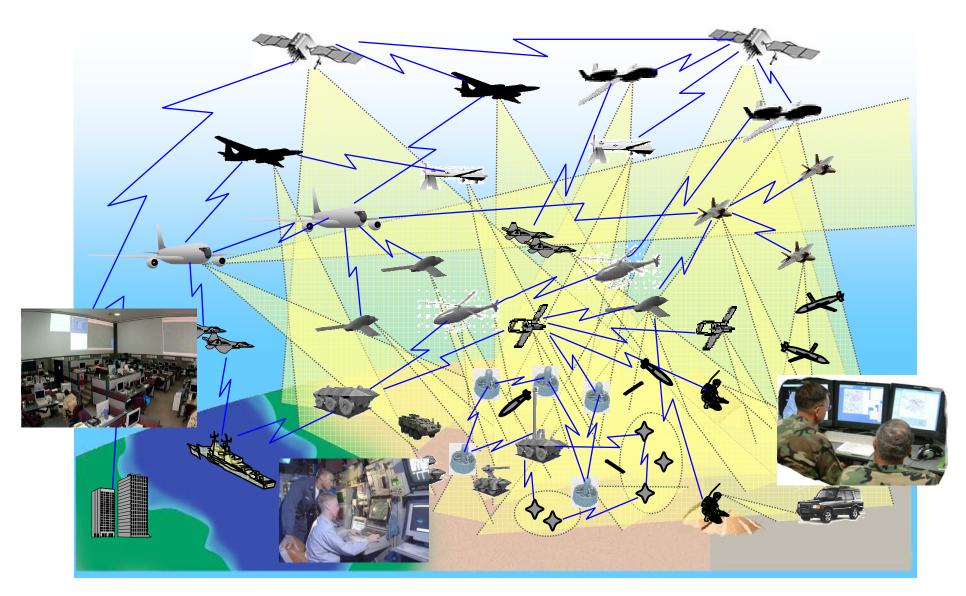
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# **Network Centric Operations**





# Military Net-Centric Communications

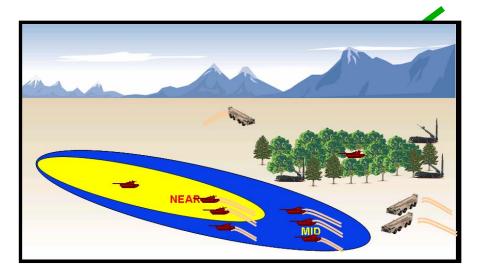
### Challenges

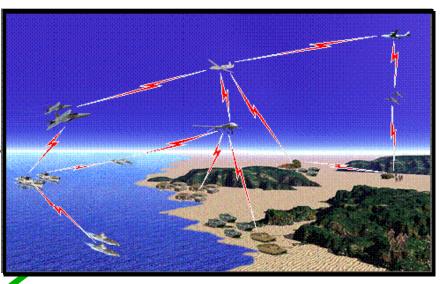


### 1. Network Centric Enterprise

Strategic and operational level of deployment and warfare

- Cleared Personnel TS/SCI
- Links air, ground and naval campaigns
- Engages by operational maneuver and strategic strikes
- Provides information, resources, and sustainment connectivity
- Large C4ISR backbone and infrastructure
  - Rides on GIG and Extensions
  - Can leverage commercial info systems
  - IPv6 early adopter
  - Susceptible to many IA threats





### 2. Network Centric Warfare

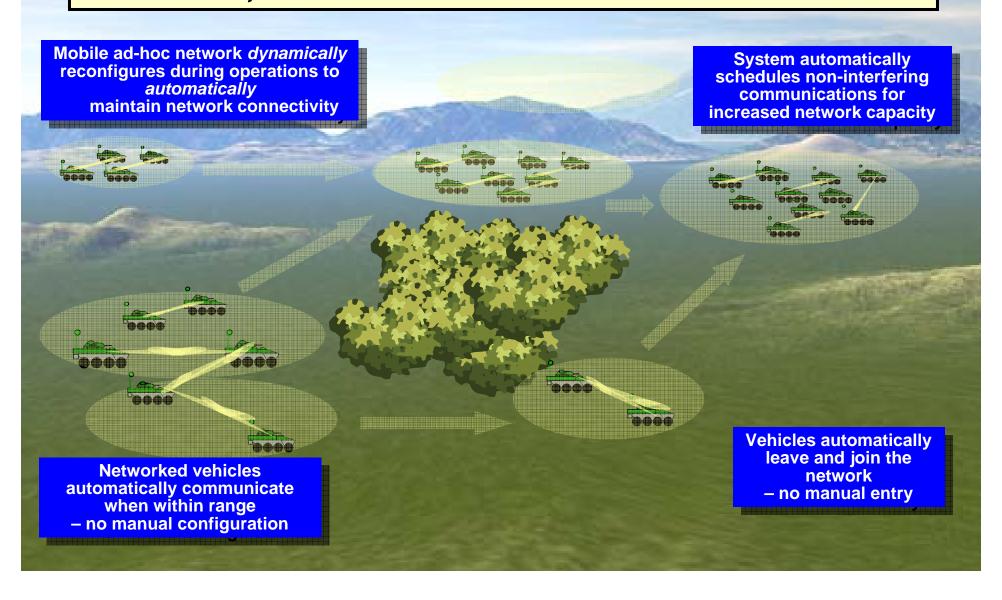
Tactical level of deployment and warfare

- Uncleared Personnel
- Links effects to targets
- Engages directly with the enemy
- Must be agile, adaptive and versatile
- Minimal, "portable" C4ISR infrastructure
  - Rides on tactical communications
  - Requires LPD/LPI transmission security
  - NCW weapons susceptible to IA attack

### **Networked Wireless Communications**



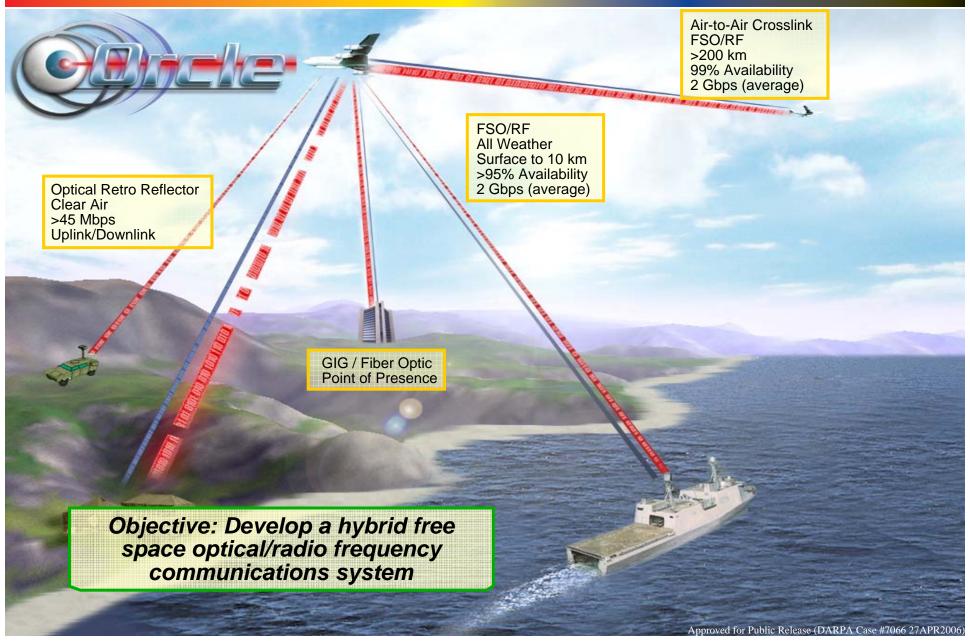
### A Dual-Rate, Mobile Ad-Hoc Network for the Maneuver Force



# Optical & RF Combined Link Experiment



Links to forces fixed and on the move

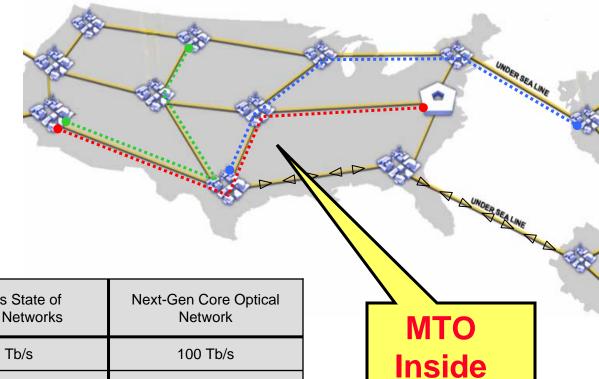


# **Next Generation Core Optical Networks**



### Goal: Increased Optical Network Throughput with Reduced Latency & Cost

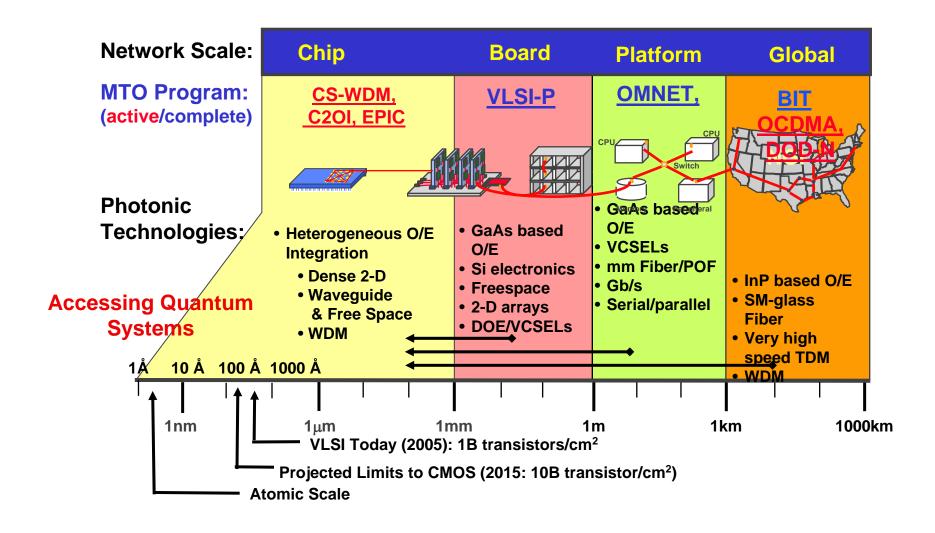
- 1. Ultra-High-Capacity, Long-**Reach Transmission**
- 2. All-Optical Switching and **Circuit-Based Grooming**
- 3. All-Optical Bursts or Flow Grooming in Edge Networks
- 4. Network Control and Management



Network Requirement	Today's State of the Art Networks	Next-Gen Core Optical Network	
Aggregate Capacity	10 Tb/s	100 Tb/s	
Maximum Fiber Capacity	1.6 Tb/s	16 Tb/s	
Bit Rate per Wavelength	10 to 40 Gb/s	40 to 160 Gb/s	
Speed of Provisioning	Minutes to Hours	< 100 msec	
Speed of Restoration	Seconds to Minutes	< 100 msec	
Speed of Protection	50-200 msec	< 50 msec	

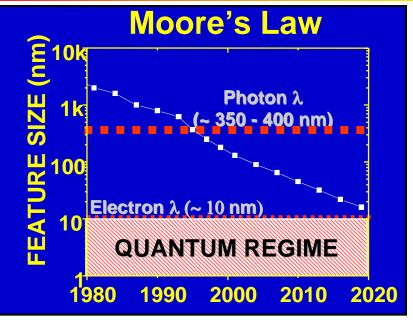
### **Photonic Data Links**



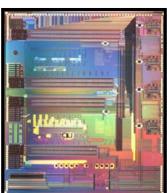


# Electronic & Photonic Integrated Circuits on Silicon





Integration of photonic functions with standard high performance CMOS electronics and fabricated in a standard CMOS foundry

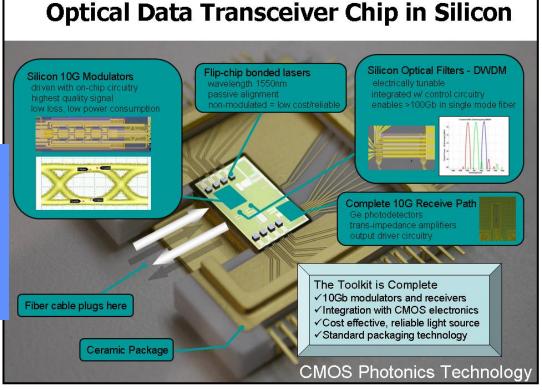


8.02 mm x 9.17 mm die

20 Gb/s Transceiver 4  $\lambda$  x 5 Gb/s into single fiber

>100 photonic devices + > 5,000 electronic devices



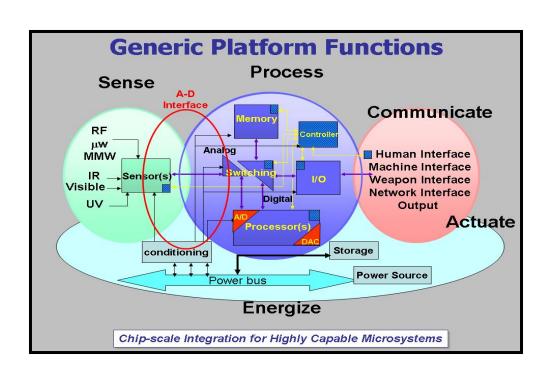


**Seamless Interface between Photonics and Electronics** 

## **Opportunities**



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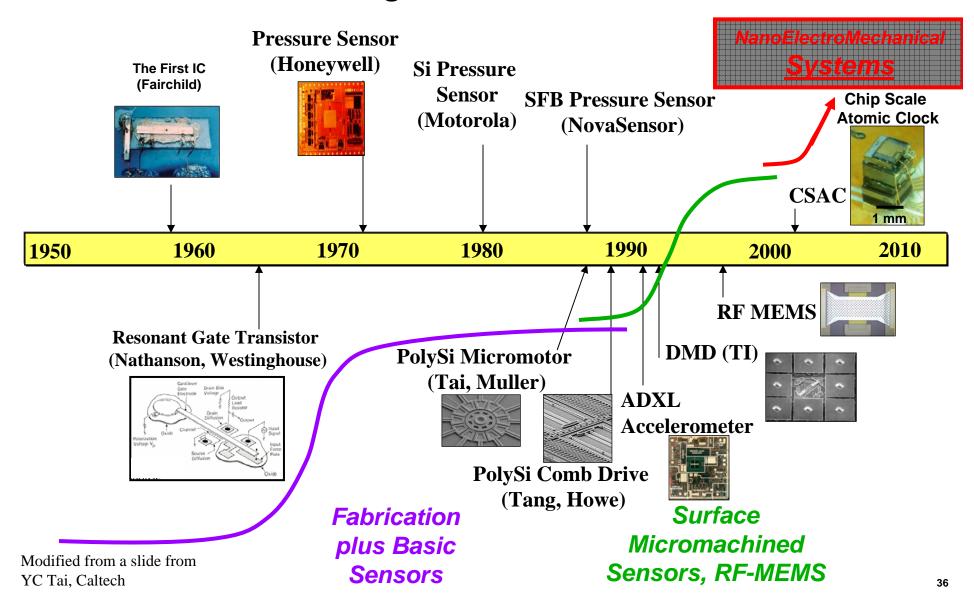


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### **Actuate**



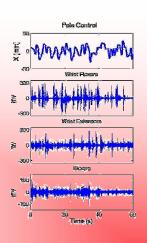
### Creating the MEMS Frontier

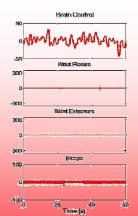


# **Revolutionizing Prosthetics**



Understanding the Language of the Brain







State of the Art: Utah arm Fully integrated limb replacements



#### **Neurally Integrated**

#### **Mechanically Superior**

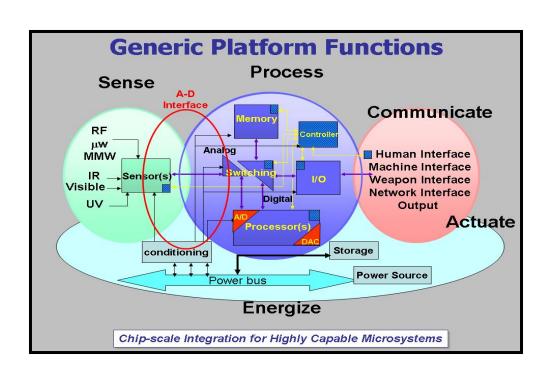
- Closed loop nervous system integration
- Full DOF, range-of-motion
- Proportional tactile & force receptors
- Human-like endurance and actuation



# **Opportunities**



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# High Energy Liquid Laser Area Defense System (HELLADS)



#### **Offensive Targets**

- Air defense systems
- Aircraft

#### **Defensive Targets**

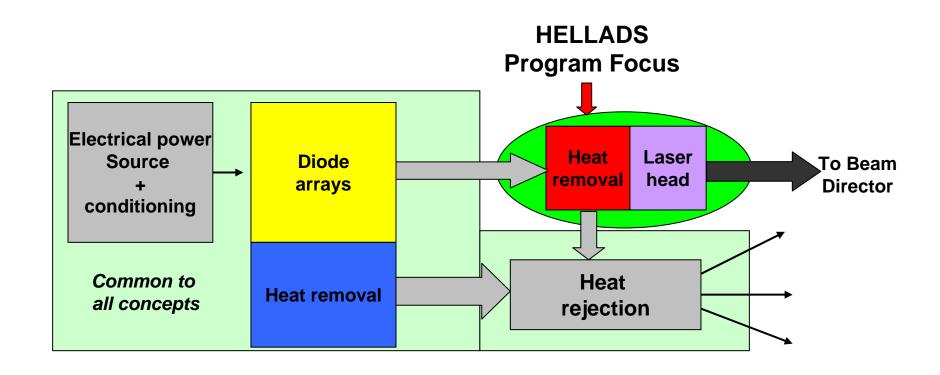
- Cruise missiles
- Aircraft
- UAVs
- Low-altitude missiles
- SAMs



- Novel Design That Combines the Energy Density of a Solid State Laser with the Improved Thermal Management Qualities of a Liquid Laser
- System Goals: 150 kW Laser Output, 5 kg/kW
- Enables Laser Weapon Systems Integration with Tactical Platforms

# All Diode-Pumped Lasers Have the Same Basic Components and Issues

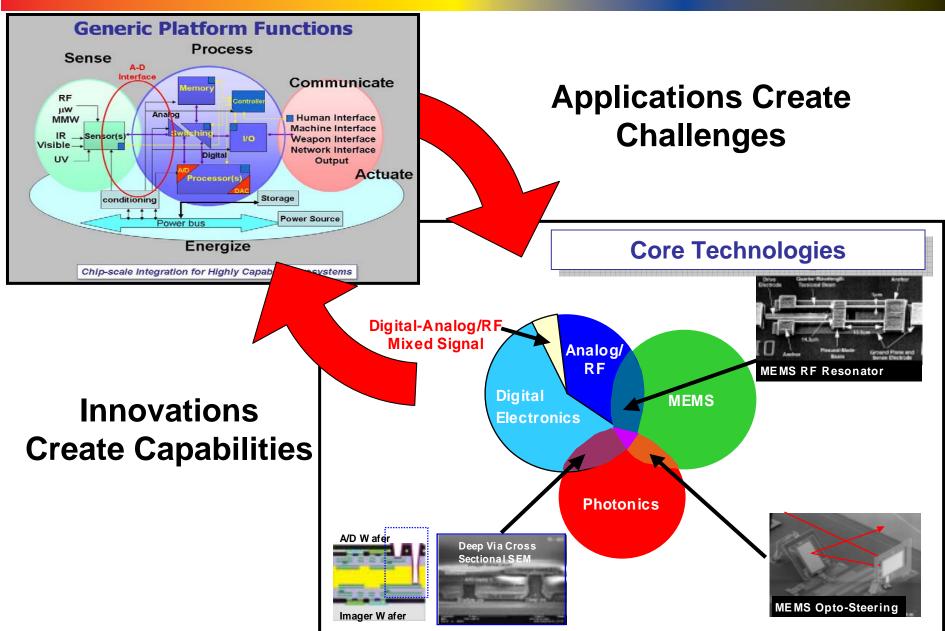




Efficiency, power supply, thermal management and beam quality

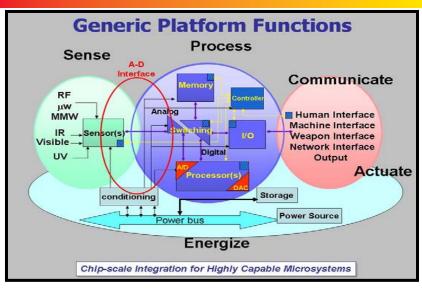
## **Opportunities**





# **Future Challenges**





#### Sensing

- Single photon detection over SW/MW/LW IR
- Room temperature broadband sensing
- Create chip-scale hyperspectral sensing
- Small aperature mm wave/THz imager
- Subwavelength-size pixel focal planes

#### **Processing**

- Eliminate thermal dissipation road block
- Eliminate data throughput and memory access bottleneck
- Overcome the growing complexity in circuit design
- Theoretical limit analog to digital converters

#### Communication

- Complete chip scale radios
- Reduced latency
- "internet over RF"
- mm-wave communications
- Coherent optical communications

#### Actuation

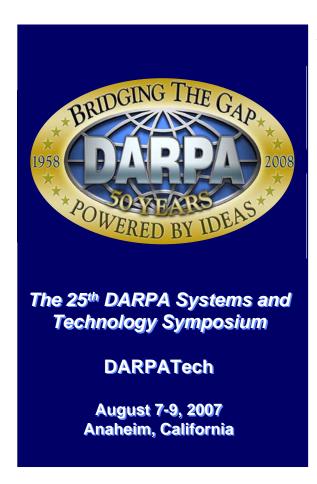
- Chip scale avionics
- Universal MEMS packaging
- Chip-scale RADAR
- Ultra-stable, lower power timing devices
- Tunable directionality antennas
- Miniature GPS systems
- Micro-scale gas and liquid analyzer

#### **Energize**

- Laser diode bar lifetime and reliability
- Diffraction-limited, coherent high-power diode laser arrays
- Smart power management
- Long endurance micro-power generation

### **DARPA**





DARPA's Industry Outreach

### Always Interested in Innovative Ideas

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- Or, talk to a DARPA Program Manager
- Or, attend DARPATech 2007

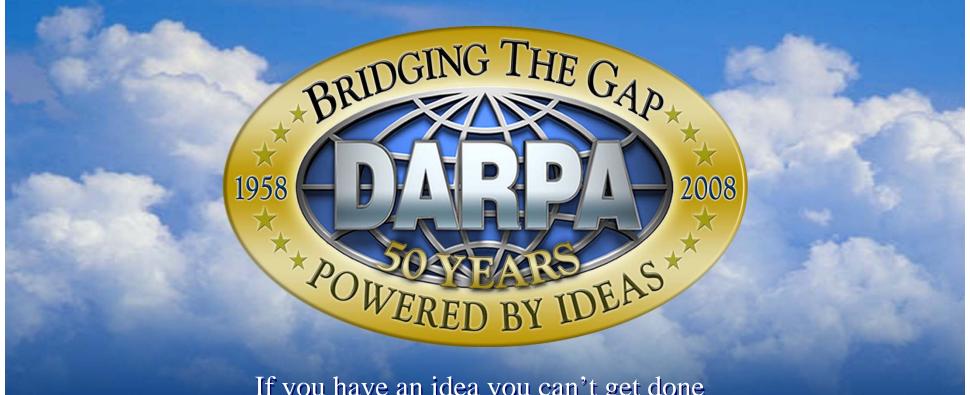


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